

## October Events

**October 5:** Global Church Sunday. We will have a special collection to support ELCA missionaries.

**October 26:** Reformation Sunday Service at Christ the King, 4:00pm, followed by a reception. Pr. Jaime Dubón will be preaching. Service will be bilingual.



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**St. James worships every Sunday at 10:30am, with a bilingual service mostly in English but with some Spanish.** The entire liturgy is presented in both languages in the weekly bulletin, so that one may follow along in the language one prefers. Pastor Boudon preaches the sermon in English, followed by a brief summary in Spanish.

**Sunday school.** St. James offers a full Sunday school program for adults and children immediately after worship every Sunday morning. There is Bible study for adults and Christian education for children.

**Monthly Healing.** St. James offers a healing liturgy as a part of our normal worship service on the third Sunday of the month, replacing the Prayers of Intercession.

## FROM THE PASTOR

At the end of October we Lutherans celebrate Reformation Sunday, a commemoration of the date on which, in 1517, Martin Luther nailed his now-famous *95 Theses* to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. While this was not the first attempt to reform the Roman Catholic Church and put an end to the corruption that was plaguing it at that time, it set in motion a permanent and ongoing effort to link the Christian faith more directly to scripture. In particular, Luther posited that righteousness is not earned through good works but rather is a free gift from God. From this discovery we derived what has become the cornerstone of our faith as Lutherans, that we are justified by grace through faith alone. Consequently, good works are the product of our faith, not the precursor thereof. In 1999, the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation signed the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (JDDJ)*, which states that “in faith we together hold the conviction that justification is the work of the triune God.” This document resolved the major issue at the heart of the Reformation, though much work still needs to be done before there can be any talk of merger between the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran church. And although some would argue that the Reformation has come to an end, others would continue to adhere to Luther’s view that the church must be in constant reformation, renewed by the Holy Spirit but based always upon scripture. It is in light of this that we all will gather at Christ the King Lutheran Church on October 26 to celebrate a joint service for Reformation Sunday. This year the service will be bilingual.

## ELCA News

### Lutheran, Anglican, Episcopal leaders offer pastoral message on climate change

CHICAGO (ELCA) – The national leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Anglican Church of Canada and The Episcopal Church offered on Sept. 19 a pastoral message on climate change. A [PDF](#) version of the letter is available on the ELCA website at <http://www.elca.org/Resources/Presiding-Bishop-Messages>.

### LSF Speakers Available for Your Church Group

Many groups in the church glide through the summer and then shift back into gear once Labor Day has passed. If your Bible Study, small group, women's group or gathering is looking for a program some time during the year, please remember that Lutheran Services Florida has dozens of speakers available to come and address whatever social ministry issue you wish to explore. For more information, contact Steve Cecchetti at [scecchetti@lsfnet.org](mailto:scecchetti@lsfnet.org) or call [407-878-8397](tel:407-878-8397).